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ISDH COVID-19 testing site at Parkview Wabash to close this week

For one more week, OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday at Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing will take

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Amy Sivley selected as the new WCS superintendent

Lakeview Middle School principal will begin her new duties on July 1

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After months of searching, the Wabash City Schools (WCS) board has picked a new superintendent.

On Saturday, the board an-

nounced they had selected Lakeview Middle School principal Amy Sivley as the next WCS superintendent.

"I am looking forward to serving the students and families in Wabash," said Sivley, on Monday.

Sivley has 27 years of public education experience and will assume her superintendent responsibilities on Thursday, July 1.

"Sivley has a proven track record of leadership focused on instruction. She has excellent communication skills and the innate ability to collaborate with and develop those around her. These qualities make her especial-

ly qualified to lead the Wabash City Schools Mission of providing a relevant and rigorous education, founded upon relationships, to ensure each student is college and career-ready for success in a global community," stated WCS board president Rod Kelsheimer, vice president Bill Konyha, secretary Rhonda Hipskind, and board members Stephen Dafoe and

Jason Fry.

Sivley began her career in education as a business teacher at Bluffton High School and has held various administrative positions with Warsaw Community Schools for most of the past 17 years. Those roles include assistant middle school principal and athletic director, Gateway Education

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Wabash County Festival Scholarship Pageant returns

Call-out meeting for girls ages 17 to 21 set for May 6

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After COVID-19 disrupted everything last year, the Wabash County Festival Scholarship Pageant is set to return for 2021.

The Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant committee is holding a call-out meeting for girls ages 17 to 21 – who are not yet 22 by July 30 – according to "Queen Team" director Kara Fulmer.

The "informational meeting for those who are interested in learning more about this great opportunity" is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 6 at the Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St. "The Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant is more than an opportunity to win a crown," said Fulmer on Friday. "It's an opportunity to earn scholarship funds for college and to build strong friendships, self-confidence and poise. We also teach important interview techniques which help the participants feel more confident when they walk into their first job interview."

Fulmer said she "had to circle back with my 'Queen Team' to refresh my memory about last year's pageant." "Although it wasn't too long ago, so much has happened since then," said Fulmer. "The pandemic did create some challenges that

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Provided photo by Nicole Howard

Because the 2020 State Festivals Scholarship Pageant could not take place due to COVID-19, the 2020 Queen, Katie Jones, along with the 2021 Queen will compete in the state pageant on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Sheriff's Office: Fire that killed 3 may have been set by a child

Authorities conclude investigation into Feb. 27 house fire in southern Miami Co.

By **JARED KEEVER**
Peru Tribune Editor

Investigators believe that a house fire in southern Miami County that killed three children in late February may have been set by one of the children in the home.

Detectives with the Miami County Sheriff's Office and investigators from the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office and Miami County Coroner's Office began their investigation after the Feb. 27 fire at the home at 13475 South Miami County Road 300 East.

A news release on Friday said that the investigation found that all three children – Miracle Gingerich, 6, Steven Gingerich, 5, and Wilma Gingerich, 1 – died of "inhalation injuries due to house fire" and that the manner of death was determined to be an accident.

Investigators, the release said, determined that the fire started in an upstairs bedroom on the north side of the house and "examined several areas of potential ignition sources" including wiring, outlets, television, radio and power strip, but did not find any evidence

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Manchester names department for math textbooks author

Marvin Bittinger graduated in 1963, was a mathematics professor, authored over 250 textbooks

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University announces a \$1 million donation to benefit math and computer science programs.

Marvin Bittinger graduat-

ed from Manchester in 1963 with a solid foundation for a rewarding career as a mathematics professor and author of more than 250 textbooks. Now Bittinger and wife Elaine Sailors Bittinger have

made a blended outright and estate gift totaling \$1 million.

The Marvin L. Bittinger Department of Mathematics and Computer Science has now been named in his honor.


Bittinger is a professor emeritus of mathematics education at Indiana University

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Sharp Creek Elementary School releases third-quarter honor rolls

Sharp Creek Elementary School has released their third-quarter honor rolls, according to student information specialist Shirley Haynes.

Fourth grade
A Honor Roll: Dallas Cruz, Gemma Hauptert, Tenley Kuhn, Alexis Laferney, Miranda Meyer, Patrick Nesler, Keira Oswalt, Vivian Rife, Chase Ross and Jonathan Young.

A/B Honor Roll: Addison Bretzman, Kassidy Cartwright, Avery Custer, Asa Dawes, Emelia Dixon, Logan Holmes, Kameron Johnson, Bode Sorg, Sienna Stoffel, Braylee Stout, Jaylynn Turner, Brielle Wells and Emerson Zwiebel.

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School releases third-quarter honor rolls

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School recently announced its honor roll lists for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year, according to counselor Amelia France.

All A' Honor Roll
Seventh grade: Sylvia Bakehorn, Colleen Boardman, Griffin Chambers, Hailey Collins, Cooper Drake, Owen Enyeart, Brody Height, Malia Mahan, Ivan Ranck, Olivia Snow and Lilah Vandermark.

Eighth grade: Luke Andrews, Quinn Claussen, Grace Drake, Hannah Garrison, Zoey Gaylourd, Rowan Goodpasture, Averi Haecker, Luke Herring, Gabriel Mealy, Keaton Metzger, Lydia Topliff, Ian Vanderpool and Ryley Wilcox.

Ninth grade: Emma Adams, Randall Boone, Carrie Collins, Libee Price, Micah Smith, Shyanne Stout and Carley Whitesel.

10th grade: Elise Adams, Bryn Mealy, Katelyn Ranck, Dylan Stout, Aleia Sweet and Dakota Wilson.

11th grade 11: Joseph Bland, Haley Lanning, Trista Roser, Kloe Teulker and Bailey Wyatt.

12th grade: Maggie Ball, Logan Barley, Skyler Claussen, Jacob Figert, Natalie Haycraft, Marissa Jones and Braden Sweet.

A/B' Honor Roll
Seventh grade: Isabelle Ashba, Mylah Dillon, Mazie Ghrist, Danika Holbrook, Coan Holloway, Fritz Kirk, Rachel Lawson, Emily Lochar, Victor

Shafer, Makaela Shoue, Breslyn Swihart, Calvin Thompson and Naomi Watson.

A-B Honor Roll: Kyra Aderman, Ian Blaylock, Haylee Boring, Zoe Clifton, Jailea Emley, Kasen Fitch, Kasen Frank, James Kowalczyk, Kale Krom, Callie McClure, Kaydence Moser, Elena Nesler, Brice Peterson, Ean Selleck, Stella Stephens, Quenten Titus, Caydence Turley and Jerrick War-nock.

Sixth grade
A Honor Roll: Emily Bever, Claire Brainard, Allison Edmond, Nichole Fisher, Millie Higgins, Saige Martin, Addison Sorg and Dawson Texeira.

A-B Honor Roll: Aliana Arney, Kiana Bretzman, Hayden Copeland, Keeshia Dacuba, Ayla Dale, Caleb Dubois, Tyce Frank, Laney Hauptert, Vivian Hauptert, Ethan Hoover, Faith Krom, Ashlyn Macy, Landon Mast, Emily Melton, Mikayla Meyer, Kourtland Pratt, Kendra Rife, Holten Satterthwaite, Rylan Turner, Emma Wilson and Chloe Youngblood.

Local Manchester University student wins statewide writing award

The Manchester University student newspaper, Oak Leaves, received three writing awards in the 2021 Indiana Collegiate Press Association statewide contest, according to a press release.

Mitchell Marks won third place awards for writing.

Marks was recognized for feature writing and sports feature writing. Majoring in accounting and finance, Marks is from Peru.

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Honeywell Summer Arts Camps announced

Early-bird registration discounts available through Friday, April 30

STAFF REPORT

Registration is open for Honeywell Summer Theatre and Visual Art Camps for students, according to public relations and marketing coordinator Morgan Ellis.

The camps begin Monday, June 7, and offer in-person, fully immersive programs led by art and theater teachers and professionals. Summer

Art Camps are sponsored by Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management and are offerings of Honeywell Arts & Entertainment.

The two-week Theatre Camps for grades K-5 will take place in the afternoon from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 18. Camps include Creative Movement Camp for grades kindergarten through second grade and Improv & Rhythm Camp for third through fifth grades.

The three-week Theatre Camps for sixth through 12th grades will take place in the afternoon from Mon-

day, June 7 through Friday, June 25. Camps include a Variety Show Camp for sixth through eighth grades and a Musical Theatre Performance Camp for ninth through 12th grades. Theatre Camps will culminate with public performances at the Honeywell Center.

The one-week Visual Art Camps will take place in the morning from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11 and include S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Camp for grades K-1; Mixed Media for second through

fourth grades; Stencil Graffiti and Sculpture for fifth and sixth grades; and Portrait Parade for seventh through 12th grades. Depending on grade level, Art Camps will take place at the Charley Creek Gardens, Wabash High School Art Room, Honeywell Center or Eagles Theatre.

Early-bird registration discounts are available through Friday, April 30: \$60 for the one-week Art Camp and \$75 for multiple weeks of Theatre Camp. After Friday, April 30, registration is \$75 for art and \$90 for theatre. Financial assistance is available.

For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/camp or call 260-563-1102.



Provided photo

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5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Showers Likely 76 / 63	 Thursday Showers Likely 70 / 64	 Friday Partly Cloudy 69 / 38	 Saturday Mostly Sunny 66 / 49	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 74 / 56
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:34 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:46 a.m.

 Last 5/3	 New 5/11	 First 5/19	 Full 5/26
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 80% chance of showers, high temperature of 77°, humidity of 66%. South southwest wind 10 to 14 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of showers, overnight low of 63°. South southwest wind 8 to 13 mph.

The power and potential of suffering

We live in a time when lawn signs tell us that lives matter. The isolation and fear of these pandemic times has led to an increase in suicide. People feel beaten down, worthless. Society in no little part has been built to keep people feeling that way. But our lives matter and our suffering, however profoundly unjust, matters. We work for justice, but need mercy.

Martin Luther King Jr. gets invoked often; his words on suffering are needed.

He wrote: "A person who constantly calls attention to his trials and sufferings is in danger of developing a martyr complex and of making others feel that he is consciously seeking sympathy. It is possible for one to be self-centered in his self-denial and self-righteous in his self-sacrifice. So I am always reluctant to refer to my personal sacrifices. But I feel somewhat justified in mentioning them ... because of the influence they have had in shaping my thinking."

King's humility here is so worth revisiting. We all suffer. It's part of the human condition in a fallen world. We may know our suffering, but we may not know our neighbor's. We may be indifferent or worse to the troubles of others. I often wonder how much of the anger in our country could be alleviated by a little appreciation for the fact that most of us are suffering,

some worse than others. Think of all the people we judge and become angry at on the internet. Think of all the people we tend to think of as "other," as different and somehow less worthy than us.

King's troubles, of course, were far worse than those of most of us. He wrote: "I have been arrested five times and put in Alabama jails. My home has been bombed twice. A day seldom passes that my family and I are not the recipients of threats of death. I have been the victim of a near-fatal stabbing." Ultimately, he was assassinated for his beliefs and actions.

He was so honest: "I must admit that at times I have felt that I could no longer bear such a heavy burden, and have been tempted to retreat to a more quiet and serene life. But every time such a temptation appeared, something came to strengthen and sustain my determination. I have learned now that the Master's burden is light precisely when we take his yoke upon us."

King could have said "woe is me" or could have seen himself as civil rights savior, but instead he saw an invitation from God to come to know Him better. He wrote: "My personal trials have also taught me the value of unmerited suffering. As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways that I could respond to my situation: either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course."

And this insight might be key – it presents a concept so foreign to us and our culture today: "Recognizing the necessity for suffering I have tried to make of it a virtue. If only to save myself from bitterness, I have attempted to see my personal ordeals as an opportunity to transform myself and heal the people involved in the tragic situation which now obtains. I have lived these last few years with the conviction that unearned suffering is redemptive."

He went on to explicitly declare that his suffering brought him closer to God. "There are some who still find the cross a stumbling block, and others consider it foolishness, but I am more convinced than ever before that it is the power of God unto social and individual salvation."

Our politics is overflowing with bitterness, on all sides. People feel persecuted. People feel overwhelmed. People are bitter, and for understandable reasons in many cases. And the media can tend to exacerbate the bitterness, even with the best intentions. But those who choose to fight through it for a radical kind of love will be the leaders in virtue we need, now and in the future.

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Obituaries

After sad Mother’s Day 2020, vaccines offer sweet reunions

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Leland Stein heads to his 93-year-old mother’s senior living facility for Mother’s Day, he’ll have flowers in hand, a bottle of bubbly and a year’s worth of hugs.

“I miss Leland’s visits very much,” said Sondra Green, a retired Vassar College drama professor who counts Meryl Streep among her former students. “I’m just very grateful for his presence.”

Many moms, grandmothers and their offspring around the U.S. will be equally thrilled. They were forced to hold off on the physical joys of Mother’s Day last year amid pandemic fears and restrictions. This time around, vaccinations and abiding by post-shot waiting periods have brought more security and comfort to bring on the hugs and kisses for sweet in-person – and indoor – reunions.

Of course, not everyone will feel that joy. There are those mourning for mothers lost to COVID-19, and others who are refraining from socializing in person until they, too, can get vaccinated.

During the pandemic, the 64-year-old Stein and his elegant mom have met just once, about six months ago outside of her Brookdale Senior Living location in downtown Manhattan. He couldn’t keep away, particularly since Green lost her husband just months before the pandemic took hold, but it was a long trip from his home in Arlington, Massachusetts, for a brief visit on the lawn.

Green’s three other sons live in the West, too far to make a Mother’s Day trip.

Stein, too, has been feeling the separation and the sting of isolation. At the start of the pandemic in mid-March 2020, the performance space he manages, the Regent Theatre in Arlington, was shut down as the world headed into emergency mode.

“It was Friday the 13th,” he recalled. “We had a sold-

out show at the theater and the rug was pulled out from under us. I had just lost a relationship, so I lost my relationship, my community, my family. That was a lot to deal with and I have to say, having my mom still around was very helpful. My mom was cool, calm and collected.”

Raising four boys, Green joked, “you have to stay calm.”

Heather Krug, 49, in Los Angeles hasn’t seen her extrovert of a mother, Brenda Krug, in a year and a half. Brenda, too, lives in a senior living community, on the other side of the country in the Long Island hamlet of Woodbury, New York.

“She’s been pretty much without family throughout this,” said Krug, who has a sister in the Boston area. “I knew as soon as I was able to get the vaccine I would feel more comfortable about flying but also that I wouldn’t be bringing COVID to her or anybody in her community. It’s been pretty tough.”

The two will mark Mother’s Day and the 81-year-old Brenda’s June birthday at the same time. And, bonus, Heather will meet Brenda’s boyfriend for the first time after Heather’s dad died a couple years ago.

“They met during COVID, which is a good thing because it’s kept her spirits up. It’s the first person she’s dated since my father passed,” Heather said. “I’m sure she has a list of things she needs me to do. One is get her on Zoom because that’s been an issue, but she’s handling everything much better than me.”

Heather’s sister managed a two-hour rendezvous with their mom over the summer for a restaurant meal outdoors, but she has also kept her distance to be safe. A high school friend of Heather’s on Long Island assisted Brenda, who still works as an interior designer, when she came down with COVID-19 in the chaotic early days of the pandemic.

Brenda, who is also missing

her recently departed dog, was excited for her up-close Mother’s Day.

“I only saw my girls and grandchildren on FaceTime. It’s not the same, you know,” she said. “We’re definitely a hugging kind of family.”

Maricela Waugh, a 30-something relationship consultant in Los Angeles known professionally as Spicy Mari, has a huge Mother’s Day surprise for her mom, Marta. Marta, who has been on the job in San Diego as an essential worker for FedEx throughout the pandemic, has wanted a grandchild for years.

She’s about to get her wish. Waugh is pregnant.

“She’s going to be flabbergasted,” said Waugh, the oldest of three siblings and the first to be expanding her family.

“It’s the ultimate gift,” Waugh said. “We’re extremely close. I tell my mother everything and it’s been really hard because I don’t really know what to do. I’ve been asking her a lot of hypothetical questions like, ‘When did you start getting stretch-marks?’”

The two haven’t seen each other since April last year, when they got together for a quick meal out.

“We’ve done a few FaceTimes and only from the chest up as this baby bump has grown. But she’s been like, oh you must be gaining the quarantine 15,” Waugh said.

One thing’s for certain, she said: “I know she’s going to cry. My mom is such a crier.”

Mari, who has chosen not to get vaccinated during her pregnancy, plans a brunch outdoors at a Malibu restaurant with mom and other vaccinated loved ones to announce her son’s upcoming arrival.

“I’ve missed everyone so I’m super excited to bring everyone together for Mother’s Day,” she said.

For months, the pandemic kept Janice Shear, 67, from her 41-year-old daughter, Meredith, who has Down syndrome and lives just 15

miles away in a group home run by the nonprofit AHRC Nassau in Rockville Centre, New York.

Meredith’s 40th birthday party, with more than 100 guests, was canceled in March last year and the home barred visitors, while Janice’s senior living community asked residents to isolate. Janice would make drive-by visits in the car and wave, rather than their usual twice-a-week visits and weekends home for Meredith pre-pandemic.

Last July, restrictions loosened slightly and they managed regular meetups. Now, both are vaccinated, along with other family members. They plan a Mother’s Day barbecue at the nearby home of Meredith’s sister and her family.

“Last year it was sad. Meredith was my first child. She made me a mother, and pulling up in my car and just seeing her on the front step and then driving away, it was hard,” Janice said.

Mother’s Day came early for Vanessa Gordon, a Sag Harbor, New York, mom of a 3-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter.

Gordon, 32, and her husband have been vaccinated, along with her 87-year-old grandmother and an aunt. She hadn’t seen her grandmother in three years, so decided on a trip to The Villages, near Orlando, Florida, to combine her husband’s birthday, Mother’s Day and Easter on March 28. Gordon sees her mother regularly; she wasn’t fully vaccinated and didn’t make the trip.

The group dined out at a country club and caught up with some old friends, all of whom had been vaccinated. They visited Disney World, organized Easter baskets for the kids, baked a birthday cake and cooked meals together.

“I was thrilled,” Gordon said. “It was wonderful. When you don’t see somebody for such a long time, it’s almost as if time never went by. That three years, in a way, disappeared.”

Charles Robert ‘Bob’ Amiss

Feb. 16, 1932 – April 25, 2021

Charles Robert “Bob” Amiss, 89, of North Manchester, Indiana, died 9:52 a.m., Sunday, April 25, 2021, at Parkview Health Randallia in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was born Feb. 16, 1932, in Warsaw, Indiana, to James Hiram and LaVon (Hildenbrand) Amiss.



Bob was a 1951 graduate of Laketon High School. He served in the US Air Force. He married Catherine (Doray) White in North Manchester on March 29, 1993; she died Nov. 15, 2020. Bob was a general foreman in the Air Force and was the machine shop supervisor at GripCo Fastner in South Whitley. He was a member of the Manchester Church of the Brethren, the American Legion, Warsaw Masonic Lodge, and the North Manchester Historical Society. Bob also volunteered at the Food Pantry.

He is survived by his three daughters, Sandra (Greg) Mort of Venice, Florida, Terrie Jo Amiss of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Susan (John) Dumford of Naperville, Illinois, five step-children, Steven (Vicky) White and William White, both of North Manchester, Jeffery (Laura) White of Nashville, Tennessee, Peter White of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Pamela White of Rhinebeck, New York; three grandchildren, five step grandchildren, four step great grandchildren, and his sister, Patty Lou (Max) Weller of Roann, Indiana. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Mack Eugene Amiss.

There will be no service. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main Street, North Manchester, IN 46962. The memorial guest book for Bob may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Ned C. Lewis

July 29, 1946 – April 25, 2021

Ned C. Lewis, 74, of Huntington, died at 5:52 a.m., on Sunday, April 25, 2021, at his residence.

Ned was born on July 29, 1946, in Huntington, IN, to Paul Richard and Mary Adeline (Karst) Lewis.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at McElhanney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Additional calling hours will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

Henry J. ‘Hank’ Whitmer

Henry J. “Hank” Whitmer, 88, of Wabash, passed away on Friday, April 23, 2021. Hank married Betty Rayburn on June 3, 1956.

Along with his loving wife, Hank is survived by son, Jeffrey Whitmer; daughter, Jacalyn “Susie” (James) Yentes; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and sister, Donna K. (Carl) Garwood.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Elmer D. Miller

Aug. 5, 1928 – April 21, 2021

Elmer D. Miller, 92, Denver, passed away on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at Miller’s Merry Manor, Peru.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1928, in Miami County, Indiana, he was the son of Elmer E. Miller and Nora Dawalt Miller. On April 9, 1955, in Lawton, Oklahoma, he was married to Joyce L.

Brooks, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 2020.

There will be a private service for the family with no visitation.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Judith Bishir

Feb. 8, 1943 – April 24, 2021

Judith Bishir, 78, of Peru, passed away at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Marion, Indiana, on Feb. 8, 1943, to the late James H. and Virginia D. (Scott) O’Brien. Judith married Myron E. Bishir, Sr. on Dec. 14, 1959; he passed away on Jan. 21, 2014.

Judith worked as a CNA and QMA and retired from Vernon Manor after 20 years of service.

Per Judith’s wishes, there will be no services.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

3D printing’s new challenge: Solving the U.S. housing shortage

By TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press

A new generation of startups wants to disrupt the way houses are built by automating production with industrial 3D printers.

3D printing, also known as additive manufacturing, uses machines to deposit thin layers of plastic, metal, concrete and other materials atop one another, eventually producing three-dimensional objects from the bottom up. In recent years, 3D printers have mostly been used to create small quantities of specialized items such as car parts or prosthetic limbs, allowing consumers or businesses to produce just what they need using the machines at home or work.

Now a small number of startups around the world are applying 3D printing to home construction, arguing that it’s faster, cheaper and more sustainable than traditional construction. They say these technologies could help address severe housing shortages that have led to soaring home prices, overcrowding, evictions and homelessness across the U.S.

But 3D home construction is still in the early stage of development. Most startups in this field are developing new technologies and not building homes yet. And two of the highest profile and best-financed companies – Mighty Buildings and ICON – have delivered fewer than 100 houses between them.

To move beyond a niche market, construction firms

will need to significantly ramp up production and persuade home buyers, developers and regulators that 3D printed houses are safe, durable and pleasing to the eye. They’ll also need to train workers to operate the machines and install the homes.

“To the extent that 3D printing can offer a faster, cheaper way to build even single family housing units or small units, it can address a portion of the problem,” said Michelle Boyd, who directs the Housing Lab at the University of California, Berkeley’s Terner Center for Housing Innovation. But the sheer magnitude of the housing shortage demands many types of solutions, from loosening zoning restrictions to building more high-rise apartment buildings, she said.

Proponents note that printing houses rather than nailing them together could save huge quantities of scrap wood, metal and other discarded construction materials that are dumped into landfills every year.

Backers say 3D printing reduces the need for human labor at a time when home builders are struggling to find enough skilled workers to meeting housing demand. Many construction workers left the trades after the housing-fueled financial crisis more than a decade ago, and fewer young people are entering the field.

Jason Ballard, CEO and co-founder of a 3D printing construction startup called ICON, said its 3D printing

system can do the work of 10 to 20 workers in five or six different trades. And unlike humans, the machines can work up to 24 hours a day, saving developers time and money.

“With 3D printing, we’re able to print exactly what we need,” said Sam Ruben, the company’s co-founder and chief sustainability officer at Mighty Buildings. The process can eliminate nearly all construction waste, he said, which can add up to savings of two to three tons of carbon per housing unit.

In Mighty Buildings’ factory warehouse in Oakland, Calif., a 3D printer deposits thin layers of a stone-like material that quickly hardens under ultraviolet light and resists fire and water. Wall panels are printed one layer at a time and then filled with an insulating foam. Robotic arms finish the surfaces into various designs.

The printer can produce the entire exterior shell of a studio home or individual wall panels that can easily assembled with simple tools, the company said. Mighty Buildings is now producing 350-square-foot backyard studios, known in the industry as “accessory dwelling units,” that can be used as extra bedrooms, playrooms, gyms or home offices.

So far the company has delivered six units and has another 30 under contract, starting at \$115,000 each, which doesn’t include the cost of installation and site work. Two units can be combined to make a 700-square-foot dwelling. The company’s home construction costs are

about 40 percent lower than that of traditional homes in California, Ruben said.

Most of the modules are assembled in the factory, transported by truck to the owner’s property, then put into place using a crane. The unit size is limited by the dimensions of the truck bed and the clearance heights of tunnels and overpasses.

Backed by more than \$70 million in venture capital, Mighty Buildings is planning to build more factories with a goal of producing 1,000 housing units next year. It’s also creating software that allows developers to custom design printed buildings. Ultimately, the company plans to produce townhouses and multistory apartment buildings, Ruben said.

Mighty Buildings is teaming up with a Beverly Hills, Calif.-based developer, the Palari Group, to create a planned community of 3D printed homes in the desert resort community of Rancho Mirage in California’s Coachella Valley.

The solar-powered development, set for completion next spring, will have 15 lots with a 1,450-square-foot primary home plus a 700-square-foot secondary home and swimming pool in the backyard, costing around \$850,000, said Basel Starr, Palari’s CEO and founder.

Those lots sold out quickly and there’s a waiting list of 500 homebuyers, Starr said. He’s planning similar developments in other parts of California.

SIVLEY

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Center principal, chief accountability officer and director of human resources.

Sivley holds a bachelor of science in business education degree from Ball State University, a master of science in educational leadership from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and an education specialist degree in educational leadership from Ball State University. She is currently working toward her doctorate of educational leadership from Ball State University.

Sivley replaces former WCS superintendent Jason Callahan, who left his post in December 2020 after 16

years on the job. In September 2020, Callahan was named one of five new members of the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet by Gov. Eric Holcomb. And, in December 2020, Callahan was appointed as assistant secretary of pathways and opportunities with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). Callahan is currently serving in that role in Indianapolis.

On Sunday, Kelsheimer said there are a few steps left before they could vote and finalize Sivley’s hiring. There will be a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 for the public to provide input on the proposed contract. Kelsheimer said Indiana law calls for them to wait 10 days after the hearing before they can vote on her hiring. He

said they plan to do this at their Monday, May 17 board meeting.

During the recruitment process, Michael Adamson of the Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) consulted with WCS for a nationwide superintendent search.

The board of education held meetings with each district building and the community to lend perspective on the attributes sought in the next superintendent. Kelsheimer led a series of four work sessions at Wabash Middle School to discuss the process. The first was held Wednesday, March 3 for the staff at L.H. Carpenter Early Learning Center and O J Neighbours Elementary School, the second was held Thursday, March 4 for staff at WMS, the third was held

Wednesday, March 10 for staff at Wabash High School (WHS) and the fourth was held Thursday, March 11 for members of the community.

After receiving input from community members, administrators, teachers and staff, interviews were conducted and Sivley was selected from 14 applicants.

“The board would like to thank the community, administrators, teachers and staff for their invaluable input and support throughout the search process. We look forward to welcoming Amy and her husband, Chet, to the Wabash City Schools family,” stated the board.

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AUTHOR

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Purdue University Indianapolis. He cut back on teaching in the 1980s to focus full-time on writing.

“I loved to teach, and I loved to write,” he said. “But I loved to write better.”

The decision propelled him to become one of the world’s most prolific writers of math textbooks, selling more than 13 million copies, some in their 13th and 14th editions. The texts have helped count-

less students grasp a range of topics from basic mathematics and algebra to trigonometry and calculus.

When he wrote a textbook, he said, he would sit at the computer in his office and imagine explaining math to a student sitting next to him. “I don’t think I ever wrote a book to make money,” he said. “I wrote books so kids could understand.”

A lifelong baseball fan, Bittinger also wrote a book about hitting with Major League Manager Dusty Baker, and another on the mathematics of

baseball. A scholar of theology and philosophy, Bittinger wrote a book called “The Faith Equation – Mathematical Evidence for Christianity.”

The Bittingers have long been generous donors to Manchester, establishing the Thurmyle Gosnell Memorial Scholarship Fund named for Marvin’s aunt. He also served on the Board of Trustees from 1992 to 1997 and received the Alumni Honor Award in 2010.

Their gift will provide an endowment fund. Earnings from that fund will help support

such things as student learning, research and faculty development in the department.

“We are so grateful to Marv and Elaine for this enduring legacy,” said President Dave McFadden. “Gifts from alumni help Manchester achieve levels of affordable excellence for our students that would not otherwise be possible.”

Elaine graduated from Manchester in 1964. They live in Carmel.

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of ignition in those places.

“During the investigation, information concerning one of the children previously setting fires inside the residence was disclosed,” the release said. “While the exact cause of the fire was indeterminate, evidence is consistent with a set fire.”

Several fire departments, including Amboy Fire Department, Converse Fire Department, the Galveston Fire Department and the Pipe Creek Fire Department responded to the house fire after Miami County Dispatch received a call at 10:48 a.m.

“Early evidence indicates that Laura Gingerich was in a downstairs bathroom while the children were in a second-floor room,” a news re-

lease from the Indiana State Police said at the time. “Laura Gingerich smelled smoke and tried to get to her children. The smoke was allegedly too thick for her to make it up the stairs. She then called 911.”

The children were pulled from the home and taken to nearby hospitals where they were later pronounced dead.

Chief Deputy Dave Vitek with the Sheriff’s Office talk-

ed with the Tribune later that day and called the fire a “horrible tragedy.”

He complimented the firefighters and law enforcement officers from all the responding agencies for their “professionalism and bravery.”

“They made every attempt possible to save those children,” he said.

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place at 8 John Kissingner Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site. Patients may schedule appointments by Friday, April 30 by calling 888-634-1116 or visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.

Second Harvest to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, and Wednesday, May 26 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, May 12 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St, North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Shop Hop in Downtown Wabash runs through April

Wabash Marketplace’s Shop Hop” in downtown Wabash takes place through Friday, April 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 Shop Hop Dollars. Take the entry form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the entry form is 100 percent completed, participants submit their entry to one of the participating shops or Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road. Entry forms must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, April 30. The four businesses participating in Shop Hop are Borders & Beyond, 24 W. Canal St.; Downtown Nutrition, 70 W. Market St.; Ohh My! Cakes, 2 W. Mar-

ket St.; and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at www.wabashmarketplace.org. The winner will be selected the week of Monday, May 3.

WACT comedy performances set for this weekend

For the second time this year, Brett Robinson will direct a Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) production as Rick Abbot’s classic comedy ‘Play On!’ will take place” at 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, as well as a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, May 2 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in high school or younger.

Weed Wrangle at Mississinewa Lake planned for Saturday, May 1

Volunteers are invited to gain hands-on Weed Wrangle experience beginning at 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, May 1 at the Blue Heron Trailhead located in Mississinewa’s Miami State Recreation Area, 4673 S. 625 East, Peru. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

National Day of Prayer events planned for Thursday, May 6

A pair of celebrations have been planned for the day, first from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Thursday, May 6 on the lawn of the Wabash County Courthouse, and again at 6:30 p.m. at the Wabash City Park Pavilion. The guest speaker will be Indiana Statehouse Chaplain Matthew Barnes. For more information, visit www.praywabash.org.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District’s annual Spring Tox-Away Day.

The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash’s Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester’s would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close “promptly” at 1 p.m. on both days.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant’s course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcm workshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Visit Wabash County plans historic buildings tour for May 8

The tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8. The cost will be \$25 per person and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St., Wabash. The North Manchester buildings included in the tour will be The Union Block and Straus Building, The Tower House and The L.Z. Bunker House. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours or call 260-563-7171. Payment is due upon registration.

WACT fall musical auditions planned

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s (WACT) fall musical production,

“Sister Act,” will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. Callbacks, and those who can’t make it to auditions over the weekend, are scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the church.

Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host a variety of volunteer work-related activities. Check-in and instructions will be available at the Interpretive and Nature Center. The volunteer workdays will continue throughout the summer at: 9 a.m. Monday, May 17; 9 a.m. Monday, June 21; 9 a.m. Monday, July 26; 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for May 20 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Manchester University sets in-person graduation ceremonies

Several small, in-person ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, May 22 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. Graduate and Professional ceremony are at 9 a.m. for Doctor of Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training, Master of Pharmacogenomics, and the dual degree in pharmacy and pharmacog-

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we had to work through last year, but thankfully, we were able to hold the pageant last July in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center.”

Fulmer said several contestants participated in last year’s pageant despite the pandemic, including Katie Jones, who was crowned 2020 Queen.

“We enforced social distancing with the girls as much as possible and required face coverings when not on stage,” said Fulmer. “We required face coverings for all of our audience members from the time they entered the building, during the pageant and upon exiting the building. The Honeywell staff and volunteers did an excellent job executing socially distanced seating with the limited number of audience members.”

Fulmer said after the pageant was over, they required all parents, friends and other family members to wait for their pageant contestant outside on the plaza.

“This was, again, to help with social distancing,” said Fulmer.

Fulmer said typically their Queen will attend several festivals throughout Indiana during the summer to represent the Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant.

“However, because of the pandemic, many festivals were canceled and Katie was unable to enjoy this part of her queen duties,” said Fulmer. “She was able to attend pancake day during the Roann Covered Bridge Festival and the Grow Wabash County annual event.”

Fulmer said the pageant

itself will be held Friday, July 30 in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center.

“It is unknown what, if any, health and safety restrictions will be in place in July for the state of Indiana,” said Fulmer. “However, we have been advised that the Honeywell Center will most likely practice the same social distancing measures for audience members and face coverings will be recommended for those who attend the pageant. We plan to touch base with Honeywell staff in advance of this event to see if we need to make any further modifications to ensure the health and safety of the contestants and audience members.”

Fulmer said because the 2020 State Festivals Scholarship Pageant could not take place due to COVID-19, they would be sending Jones along with the 2021 Queen to compete in the state pageant on Saturday, Nov. 13.

“We are very excited to have two girls competing in this year’s state pageant and representing Wabash County,” said Fulmer.

Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.” The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountystatefestivals scholarship pageant or contact any of the directors.

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enomics (Pharm.D. and MS in Pgx). Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy (M.Acct.) ceremonies are in this order: 11:30 a.m. Honors Program, College of Arts and Humanities, M.Acct. and Gilbert College of Business; 2:30 p.m. College of Pharmacy, Natural and Health Sciences; and 4:30 p.m. College of Education and Social Sciences.

Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by email at donnasiders@hotmail.com or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

Salamonie to hold Summer Forest Camp

Salamonie Lake will be hosting “a unique outdoor day camp” from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. Limited space is available. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. Register and pay by Monday, June 14 and save \$10 per child. For more information and registration, call 260-468-2127.

INDOT begins Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department

of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. The work is set to wrap up in July.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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Wabash falls in home opener against North Miami

Apaches to host the Lady Apache Classic on Saturday

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**
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Wabash’s varsity softball team began their season on Friday when they hosted North Miami High School in a contest that favored the opposition, 21-0. The lopsided loss is the first of Wabash’s season as well as their first in the Three Rivers Conference.

Despite the score, Wabash head coach Bob Stambazze was grateful for the opportunity his team had in playing against a talented North Miami squad.

“We’re a very young team and very inexperienced,” Stambazze said. “To open up against one of the top teams in the conference, it’s a great learning tool for these kids. They understand now what they’ve been working on and talking about for 12 weeks.”

Wabash began the game falling behind quickly, 2-0 before continuing to let North Miami pull away in the second inning after the Warriors scored on a wild pitch followed by a three-run homer.

The Apaches had trouble replicating North Miami’s offensive success as they went the entire game without recording a hit while giving up 13 to the Warriors.

Coming into the game, North Miami held a 6-2 record and had won their previous two games. However, including the victory over Wabash, North Miami has beaten their opponents by an average of 9 runs per game.

Stambazze continued with an optimistic outlook on a season that has only just begun for a Wabash team that is green in terms of varsity experience.

“As long as they continue, they’re going to work hard and get better each and every day. They have to understand that this is game one. We’re going to be okay, it’s going to take them time to understand the game,” he said.

The Apaches are equipped with just two seniors while 11 of their 14 are made up of freshmen and sophomores.

After falling behind 11-0 at the end of the third inning, Wabash’s deficit grew in the fourth when North Miami hit consecutive doubles and driving in four runs.

Wabash rotated three pitchers on Friday with Sierra Hall leading the way with two strikeouts.

Moving forward, Stambazze believes that building off of the next day will be the motto for his team.

“The kids are very receptive, great coachable kids,” Stambazze said. “We have to improve upon our mental approach to the game. Then we have to make sure that we get to the balls in the outfield that we need to. I’m really happy with what I saw in the infield and we’ll build off that.”

The Apaches will look to protect their home field on Saturday when they host the Lady Apache Classic with their first matchup beginning at 11 a.m.

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Sierra Hall throws for Wabash on Friday.



Madison Lutz takes a swing.



Charity France is up to bat.



Catcher Anna Simpson pops up.



Montana Judy grabs the ball.



Madisen French keeps her eye on the ball.



Sierra Hall keeps the action alive.



Ashlynn Cruz throws the ball.

Vaccine the key to getting 135,000 into Indy 500

It’s pretty spacious inside Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a sprawling national landmark of 300 acres that can fit Vatican City, Yankee Stadium, the White House, Liberty Island, the Taj Majal, the Roman Colosseum, Churchill Downs and the Rose Bowl inside.

All at the same time.

The plan calls to put 135,000 fans in there next month for the Indianapolis 500. During a pandemic. A number that screams too many! Too reckless!

But the speedway is not your average place. She’s a behemoth along Georgetown Road and 16th Street, the largest sporting venue in the world. On a typical race day, there can be 400,000 people on the grounds for “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

Roger Penske will have to settle for 135,000 this May 30, the 105th running of the race, and that’s still a whole lot better than last year when he held the first ever Indy 500 without any spectators. State and local health officials said 40 percent attendance and Penske and the folks at IMS smiled and said thank you.

They had to be disappointed because they knew they could

Jenna Fryer



could have handled a larger crowd based on the size of the facility and the prep work done to build a safe event.

“I certainly think a facility like Indianapolis can handle a lot more than that. We’re not talking about a basketball stadium – we’re outside,” said Bobby Rahal, owner of Takuma Sato’s winning car last year. “And how big is the speedway? You have pictures of things you can put inside. Vatican City! It’s huge.”

Sports crowds are beginning to come back and 78,113 turned out Sunday for an Australian Rules football match in Melbourne that now stands as the largest crowd since the pandemic hit last year. IndyCar has had back-to-back sellouts to open the season, but both races capped attendance at

do more, even if 135,000 spectators will be the largest sporting event in the world since the start of the pandemic. The counter-argument is that Penske, owner of the speedway only since January 2020,

20,000 fans.

“Look, you always want more,” Penske told The Associated Press of the 135,000 for the 500. But no matter how many come through the gate, his objectives are unchanged.

“We’ll move heaven and earth to make sure our guests get what they expect and live up to the commitment we’ve made,” Penske said. “We can always have another race, but we need to have this one be successful.”

The grandstands will be socially distanced and 100,000 seats will sit empty. Suites won’t be filled to capacity and the infield will be closed. Same for the viewing mounds. All concerts have been canceled and so have the the pit stop competition and all the hoopla that leads into the race.

The priority has been vaccinations both in the IndyCar Series and the state of Indiana. Penske wants the business of motorsports to return to some semblance of normalcy and that means customers back inside the garage.

To get into the garage at Indy, access will only be granted to those fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or those who test

negative for the coronavirus each day at the track. It could take a few hours to get through the testing line each day.

IndyCar held a mass vaccination clinic for its teams earlier this month at the speedway and said 90 percent of the paddock had started the vaccination process when the season opened April 18. A second mass vaccination for the paddock is scheduled this weekend at Texas Motor Speedway, where the series is scheduled to race a doubleheader.

The AP during this last race weekend at St. Petersburg, Florida asked 15 of the 24 drivers in the field if they’d started the vaccination process. Only one of the 15 asked had not and another, Romain Grosjean, said he was an hour away from his scheduled first shot when asked. Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson, four-time IndyCar champion Sebastien Bourdais and Sunday’s 21-year-old race winner, Colton Herta, all said they were fully vaccinated.

Rahal and fellow team owner Chip Ganassi both said they personally urged their organizations to be vaccinated and both estimated more than 90 percent of their

team personnel had started the process.

Alexander Rossi was not able to get his shot with his team at IMS and returned to the track later as a regular citizen during one of the 16 days in April the speedway has been open to the public as a mass vaccination clinic.

“I honestly went into it thinking it was going to be (terrible) and it was one of the most enjoyable medical systematic things I’ve ever done,” Rossi said.

IMS estimates 100,000 people will have been vaccinated through its mass clinics and 60 percent of the crowd will have been on race day. There will be opportunities to be vaccinated at the speedway on select days the track is open before the race.

“We should lead this, you follow me?” Penske said. “You come to Indianapolis, the biggest race in the world, we should be leaders. We are trying to be sensible and provide a product that shows we are concerned about people’s health and also shows people around the world that we can have an event and do it properly.”

Jenna Fryer is a sports writer for the Associated Press.

Special relationship ends when man’s wife returns

DEAR ABBY: I’ve been dating a married man for the last three years, and everything was great. We were attached at the hip and inseparable. I thought we had something special going.

His wife abandoned him and their two children for more than a year, and he didn’t know anything about raising kids, so I stepped in to help. It was great. They were just like my own. I was finally happy. I had the life I wanted. He even met with a lawyer to get a divorce.

Suddenly he announced he’s letting her come back because she has nowhere to go. I am devastated. Ever since her return, she has made his life a living hell. He tells everyone – including her – how miserable he is, and she does the same thing.

Why won’t he get a divorce? Should I wait for him? Did he ever really love me? – Loving Lady In Texas

Dear Abby



DEAR LOVING LADY: There could be any number of reasons why he won’t divorce his wife. He may feel that, miserable as he is, a divorce would be too expensive. Or he may be trying to keep the family together “for the sake of the kids.” Or he may even love her.

That she is making his life a “living hell” is a problem of his own making. Please, for the sake of your own mental health, quit making it yours. Did he ever really love you? I can’t answer that and neither can you. He certainly isn’t acting like someone who loves you.

Gather your strength and jump off the treadmill. It’s time to go on with your life.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are going to be first-time parents in a few months, and this will be the first grandchild on both sides of the family (and the first baby in almost 18 years). We are excited to share this experience with them. However, I have some concerns about after the baby is born.

I already deal with anxiety, and I have strict “rules” that I would like to be followed. For example, no kissing my baby’s face, no posting photos on social media, etc. How can I get my wishes across to my family without sounding like a control freak? I worry that they won’t respect them and say I’m overthinking everything. Any advice is appreciated. – First-Time Parent In New York

DEAR FIRST-TIME PARENT: Your life is in transition, and your concerns are understandable. Remember, YOU are the parent. If you prefer your baby not be smothered with kisses, you are within your rights to say so. However, as long as your relatives are not sick and wash their hands well before touching your newborn, there shouldn’t be a problem. After three months, your baby’s underdeveloped immune system should be stronger.

If you haven’t already discussed this with your pediatrician, schedule an appointment. Not only will you find it educational, it may put some of your fears to rest.

As to your little one’s image being posted online, every family has their own comfort level. Explain your concerns, and if the grands don’t cooperate, make them surrender their cellphones when they visit.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Type of spray
- 6 Grows weak
- 11 Pint-size
- 12 Mature (2 wds.)
- 13 Ink shooters
- 14 Buildings and land
- 15 Groucho’s brother
- 16 Golf stroke
- 17 “Aw, shucks!”
- 18 Gist
- 19 Clutched
- 23 Scorch or burn
- 25 World’s fair
- 26 — Paulo, Brazil
- 29 Part of PABA
- 32 Have — at
- 33 Airport code for O’Hare
- 34 Direct elsewhere
- 35 Taint
- 36 Perched on
- 38 List detail

40 Actress

- 41 Guitarist — Paul
- 42 Strike callers
- 46 “I say!”
- 48 Fixed gaze
- 49 Ripe and juicy
- 52 Hockey player
- 53 King Arthur’s abode
- 54 Like some plants
- 55 Geisha’s place
- 56 Lieu

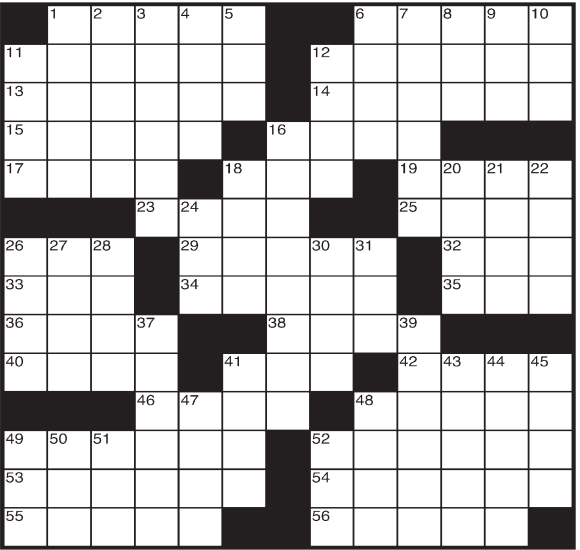
DOWN

- 1 Cranny
- 2 Room under a roof
- 3 Brokers’ buys
- 4 Dog food brand
- 5 Luau souvenir
- 6 Worry too much
- 7 Dislike intensely
- 8 Hole-making tool

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 9 Kind of instinct
- 10 Eavesdrop
- 11 — Ness monster
- 12 Beetle larva
- 16 Cleansed
- 18 Call
- 20 Reason to cram
- 21 Links org.
- 22 Way out
- 24 Means of hearing
- 26 Immerse
- 27 Showy and pretentious
- 28 Bouquet
- 30 Badminton barriers
- 31 Crude metal
- 37 Saffron dish
- 39 Alter
- 41 Croquet site
- 43 Island near Sicily
- 44 Got nosy
- 45 Pod contents
- 47 Listener’s murmur (2 wds.)
- 48 Chimney deposit
- 49 Mil. rank
- 50 Person or Gabor
- 51 Swimmer’s unit
- 52 JAMA readers



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

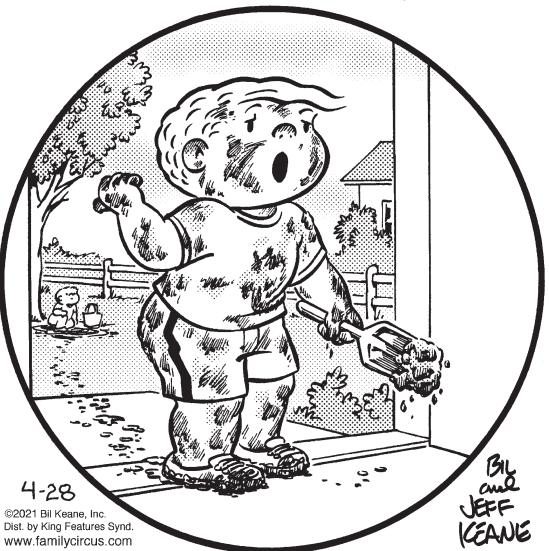


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Saturday’s Jumbles: WOVEN DITTO JUGGLE NARROW
Answer: They took a guided tour of the Grand Canyon so they could — GET THE LOWDOWN

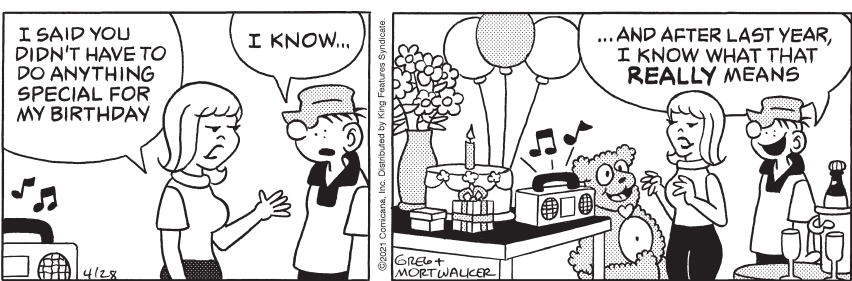
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Can I have a glass of water, Mommy? Our puddle is dryin’ out and needs a drink.”

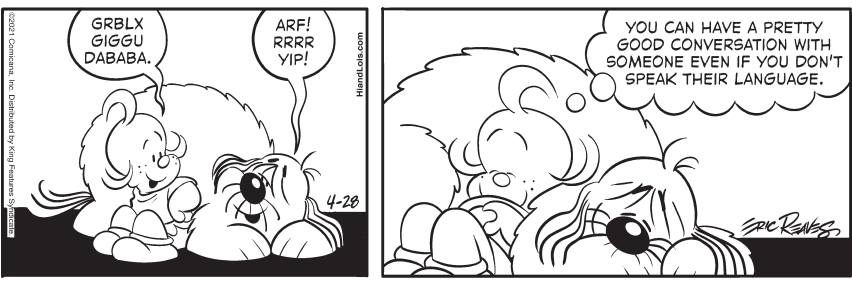
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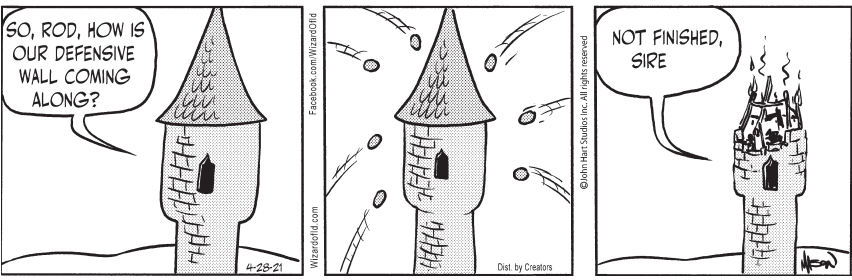
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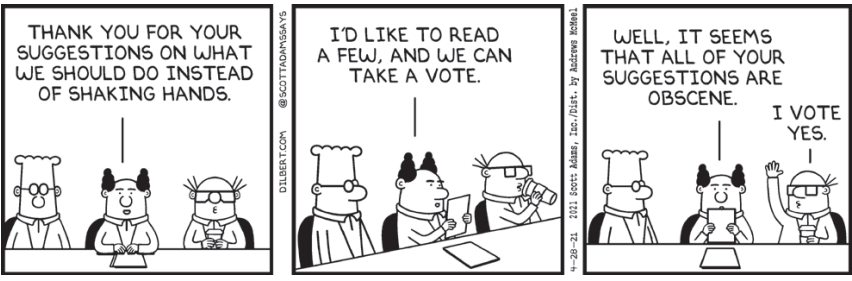
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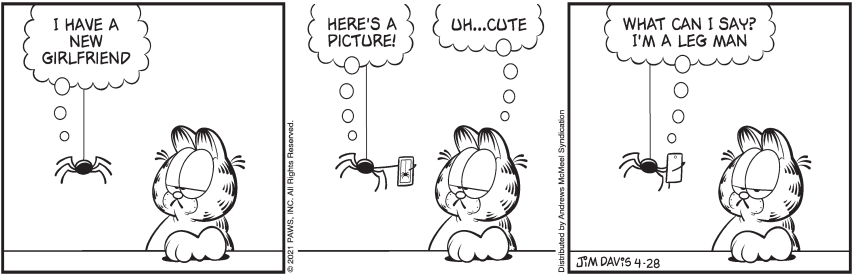
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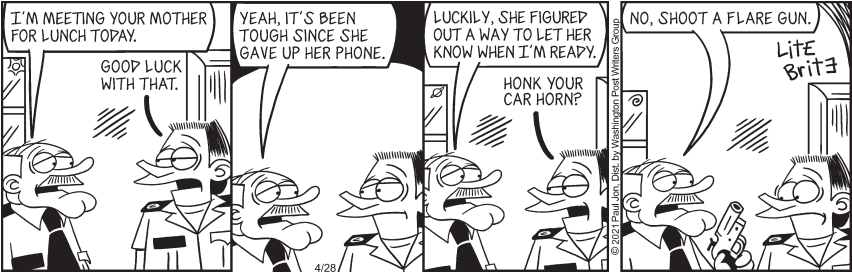
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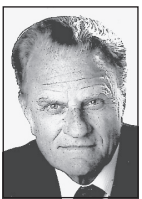
God has made the plan of redemption plain

Q: I love God and try to do the right things, but somehow I don’t feel certain that it’s getting me anywhere and I wonder why. — O.C.

A: Finding Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior is essential in having peace that you belong to Him. God has made the plan of redemption plain.

Billy Graham

My Answer



First, there must be recognition of your own sinfulness and spiritual need before there can be a response from Christ. He came to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance. Many divine promises hinge on a condition: “If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:7, 9).

Second, you must understand the message of the cross. The Bible says that the natural man cannot comprehend the things of God, so how can people understand the cross and have assurance? It is only when we understand that Christ died in the place of sinners that we can receive His gift of salvation through His amazing grace to mankind.

Third, there must be a confession of sin and a desire to accept Jesus’ forgiveness and then to commit wholly

to Him in obedience to His Word.

Many struggle with faith in God because they are not willing to give up their lifestyle, the behavior that satisfies themselves. When a person truly receives the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, God puts His Holy Spirit in their lives to lead and guide them into His truth. God will make known the riches of His glory, which is Christ in you, and His Spirit will work in you mightily (see Colossians 1). This is a wonderful promise from God.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ L ’ R M X A V X C Y F K L M J F G J G O C R M K C
P M Y F , X Z J L V X Z F F G P M F T M R M K C
P M Y F X E M , V T X F M R M K X E M L X O . ”
— X Z Z - O X K E K M F

Previous Solution: “I had a video made of my recent knee operation. The doctor said it was the best movie I ever starred in.” — Shirley MacLaine

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 13:20

NASA continues to achieve great things with helicopter flight on Mars

It's hard to imagine that a flight lasting a mere 39 seconds could represent monumental scientific achievement, but that was the reaction – and celebration – last week when the experimental helicopter known as Ingenuity lifted off the surface of Mars.

In yet another milestone for the NASA space program, the helicopter achieved what a team of engineers and scientists had spent six years working on: the first powered flight by an aircraft on another planet.

NASA officials hailed it as the space equivalent of a "Wright brothers moment" and for good reason. The ability to use powered helicopters – or perhaps drones in the future – to explore a planet's surface would be an invaluable aid in examining difficult or dangerous places, or to serve as a scout for the day when astronauts arrive. It's an amazing accomplishment in the ongoing exploration of space that pays tribute to the relentless work of NASA scientists. The helicopter's short flight took

years of engineering to overcome the obstacles present on Mars. Because the planet's atmosphere is just 1 percent the density of Earth's, engineers had to build a helicopter with rotor blades that could spin at 2,500 revolutions per minute – five times faster than on Earth. And it had to be light enough to gain lift, sturdy enough to withstand Martian wind, and capable of relying on a solar panel to recharge batteries while surviving night temperatures of minus-130 degrees Fahrenheit.

Even the preprogrammed first flight tested the patience of NASA officials who had to wait an agonizing three hours before the photos and video of the helicopter's successful flight made their way 178 million miles from Mars to Earth. When they arrived, the cheers went up from scientists around the world for what NASA had accomplished.

This is American ingenuity and inventiveness at its finest, qualities the country's space program has nurtured from its earliest days

a half-century ago. Critics may question the amount of money spent on space exploration – the helicopter alone cost \$85 million – but the tangible results of scientific study and engineering are part of our everyday lives.

The race to space helped launch the development of personal computers and laptops; the technology used for MRIs, CAT scans and LASIK eye surgery; the computer mouse; scratch-resistant lenses; and even the cameras used in cellphones.

Exploring space required the launch of numerous satellites that today provide us with the GPS systems in our cars and phones, the weather forecasting technology that gives advance warning of dangerous storms, and the ability to communicate quickly with someone thousands of miles away.

The flight of Ingenuity may have been short, but its inspiration is great and its promise for further advances is immeasurable.

This editorial was first published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.



Polarization of jobs and places

One feature of the past two or three decades is what economists call the polarization of labor markets. This is a fancy way of saying that we are seeing growth in high- and low-wage jobs, but a decline in middle-wage work. By any definition, the U.S. still has a large middle class, but three decades is a long time to be in decline, and there is no evidence that this trend is about to turn around.

There is growing concern about this phenomenon, and much of the COVID relief and infrastructure proposals hold policies designed to bolster middle-wage jobs. Unfortunately, there's little reason to hope that short-term spending policies will have much long-term effect on this trend. The reason for this is that the root cause of these problems is not likely to respond to direct subsidies or stimulus.

Over the short run, say a few months or even a few years, an economy can experience too few jobs of one sort or another. For example, during COVID the declining demand for restaurants, hotels and recreation caused a big decline in low-wage work. During the financial crisis, there was a big decline in higher-wage financial services. Still, over the long term, the mix of jobs and salaries are almost wholly caused by the mix of workers and skills in a region. So, the types of jobs and pay in jobs in your town is mostly the result of who lives and works there. Nationally, the consumer demand for goods also plays a role, but it is secondary to the available workforce.

This means that the growth in high- and low-wage jobs is generally caused by an expansion of available workers in both categories. This can be attributed to a couple different factors – automation and changing consumer demand. These two factors are connected because automation reduces the price of some goods relative to others. This causes consumers to spend more in one area and less in another.

Automation is the most obvious of the two factors leading to job polarization. Most people develop useful skills over a work life. But, if those skills can be replicated more

quickly by a machine, the demand for employees with those skills will disappear over time. Most of us experience change incessantly over our careers. But, over the past few decades, the jobs most susceptible to automation are those involving routine tasks, like assembly plants or warehousing.

The second cause is the significant shift in consumer spending from goods to services. Over the past half century, this shift has involved more than 30 percent of household spending. This is a massive adjustment that won't reverse itself in the coming decades or even centuries.

Service sector jobs are not low-wage jobs. In fact, almost all the growth in high-wage jobs is in the service sector. But, unlike manufacturing of a half century ago, wages in the service sector are closely connected to education. In highly capital-intensive jobs, like those in a large auto factory, the variation in wages between workers were modest compared to their skill differences. The assembly line cancelled out any individual ability to do more or less on the job, thus erasing pay differences. It wasn't unions that built the middle class, rather it was the huge factories of post-war America.

In today's labor-intensive jobs, individual skill and talent drives wages far more than occupation. The wage variation among actors, physicians or financial advisors are mostly determined by how good they are in that job. This holds even in construction trades and in jobs like food servers, chefs or yoga instructors. These are market outcomes, not primarily the result of government policies or business practices.

The combination of automation and changing demand has proved especially good for well-educated workers in service sector occupations. Technology tends to complement the skills of better-educated workers. But, for less well-educated workers, the results have been poor. Technology is typically a substitute for the skills of less well-educated workers. For example, better computing has boosted wages for accountants, but it has clobbered the demand for bookkeepers.

There are many factors at work in altering labor market outcomes, such as regional monopolies, rapid urbanization and occupational licensing.

But, the large and persistent polarization of labor markets is incessantly remaking the American economic landscape. This issue isn't necessarily good or bad, just different from what we have been accustomed to experiencing.

Along with the polarization of jobs, regional economies are also polarizing. Since the 1980s, metropolitan areas and states have become less alike in productivity and wages. The rich places are growing richer and the poor places have stagnated, or even declined. More than 70 percent of the wage differences between states is explained solely by the share of adults with a college degree. Regional economic prospects in the 21st century will be almost wholly caused by differences in educational levels. Labor market polarization will amplify regional polarization.

I write this again because too few really understand that this one single factor drives almost all regional growth. Individually, college graduates have enjoyed three decades of wage growth, an unemployment rate that is half that of high school grads, and a labor force participation rate 25 percent higher. There are many more adults without a college degree than those who have them, yet 80 percent of all job growth for three decades have been among those with a college degree.

Labor market polarization will continue, and we will observe three important trends. The first of these will be increasing adoption of technology to cut workplace costs. The second will be loss of jobs in easily automatable occupations, such as warehousing, transportation, manufacturing and construction. An astute reader will identify this as most of the workforce training Indiana offers.

The future will also bring continued growth in job openings for both high- and low-wage workers. However, the demand for these jobs will vary across location according to how many workers of each type are available in each region. The most jobs will migrate to places that are better educated, which in turn will attract better-educated workers. Of course, this trend won't continue forever, just another 50 to 100 years.

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Doomsday clock runs slow

Tick, tick, tick. It's 100 seconds till midnight. Scared yet?

I guess we're supposed to be. That's the current time on the Doomsday Clock, which was

Leo Morris



created in 1947 by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, a group of University of Chicago scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project to help develop the world's first atomic weapons. "Midnight" is when the world ends, or at least life as we know it ceases to exist. The Atomic Scientists, never known to be a cheerful, optimistic lot, initially set the time at seven minutes to midnight. That seems barely enough time to pack our metaphorical bags, let alone get our affairs in order, not that, you know, there would be anybody left to care about our affairs anyway.

They moved the time ahead just two years later to three minutes to midnight after the Soviet Union successfully tested an atomic bomb.

The time has been moved slightly ahead or back once a year ever since as the Atomic Scientists added other worries besides atomic annihilation to the mix, including political unrest, cyber mischief and global warming, er, "climate change."

The safest we've ever been, they told us, was in 1991, when it was set at 17 minutes to midnight because of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty between the U.S. and U.S.S.R., which resulted in a reduction in the countries' nuclear arsenals. Remember heaving a sigh of relief?

Why having slightly fewer bombs that could destroy the world would make the use of them less likely is beyond me, but then I'm not an Atomic Scientist.

The time was moved to its scariest setting of 2 minutes to midnight in 2019. I don't remember why. I guess I could look it up, but I'm already nervous enough. They knocked off 20 seconds in 2020.

And this year, they left it there at 100 seconds, even though they added COVID-19 to the list of potential catastrophes, noting that the outbreak has "revealed just how unprepared and unwilling countries and the international system are to handle global emergencies properly."

Seems like a missed opportunity there, considering how much our pandemic overlords in government and the media have tried to scare us over the virus.

I mean, really. A fraction of 1 percent of the U.S. and world populations have died of COVID, and that's without taking the elderly and those with certain underlying conditions out of the mix. Yet, economies have been crashed, millions have lost their livelihoods, our children have lost education they will never get back and communities have been reduced to don't-breathe-on-me enclaves of huddling, quivering recluses.

And just as vaccination seems on the verge of liberating us all, it is discovered that one of the vaccines has resulted in blood clots in just six patients out of 7 million shots given. Simple math says that means less than a one-in-a-million chance of a blood clot, but the vaccine was removed for further study.

Isn't all that fear-mongering heaped on top of our already risk-averse society worth at least a few seconds off the Doomsday Clock? Come on, Atomic Scientists, do your job.

Just for perspective, consider all these other chances of dying, posing far greater risks than COVID or vaccines, that so far don't seem to bother most people.

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- By fireworks – 1 in 340,733.
- Being struck by lightning – 1 in 114,195.
- In a car accident – 1 in 84.
- By flu – 1 in 63.

Look at that list too long, and you might just decide to stay inside for the rest of your life. Of course, you also have a 1 in 2,535 chance of choking on food, a 1 in 1,547 chance of being taken out by fire or smoke, and a 1 in 106 chance of falling to your death, so good luck with that.

The fact is – and I really hate to be the bearer of such bad news – your chances of dying are 100 percent.

Tick, tick, tick.
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GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2021
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABASH COUNTY

Upon not less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice given by the undersigned Secretary prior to the ninetieth day after this notice is first published, Metropolitan School District of Wabash County (the "School Corporation") will receive and consider bids for the purchase of the following described Bonds. Any person interested in submitting a bid for the Bonds may furnish in writing to the School Corporation c/o Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, 201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 350, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; (317) 808-7104, (317) 808-7137; or by email to jelizondo@stifel.com on or before 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) May 11, 2021, the person's name, address, and telephone number. Interested persons may also furnish an e-mail address. The undersigned Secretary will notify (or cause to be notified) each person so registered of the date and time bids will be received not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the date and time of sale. The notification shall be made by telephone at the number furnished by such person and also by e-mail, if an e-mail address has been received.

Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals will be received via PARITY®, in the manner described below, until the time and date specified in the Notice provided at least 24 hours prior to the sale, which is expected to be 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time), on May 13, 2021. Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY® pursuant to this Notice until the time specified in this Notice, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Notice, the terms of this Notice shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential bidders may contact the School Corporation's advisor, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated at (317) 808-7104 or PARITY® at (212) 849-5021.

At the time designated for the sale, the School Corporation will receive at the offices of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, 201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 350, Indianapolis, Indiana, and consider bids for the purchase of the following described Bonds:

Metropolitan School District of Wabash County General Obligation Bonds of 2021 (the "Bonds"), an Indiana political subdivision, in the principal amount of \$2,000,000; Fully registered form; Denomination \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof (or in such other denomination as requested by the winning bidder); Originally dated the date of delivery of the Bonds; Bearing interest at a rate or rates to be determined by bidding, payable on July 15, 2022, and semiannually thereafter; These Bonds will be initially issued in a Book Entry System (as defined in the Bond Resolution (as hereinafter defined)) unless otherwise requested by the winning bidder. Interest payable by check mailed one business day prior to the interest payment date or by wire transfer to depositories on the interest payment date to the person or depository in whose name each Bond is registered with U.S. Bank National Association on the fifteenth day immediately preceding such interest payment date; Maturing or subject to mandatory redemption on January 15 and July 15 beginning on July 15, 2023 through no later than January 15, 2024 on the dates and amounts as provided by the School Corporation prior to the sale.

As an alternative to PARITY®, bidders may submit a sealed bid or e-mail the bid electronically to the School Corporation's municipal advisor at the address described above until the time and on the date identified in the notice given by, or on behalf of the School Corporation, twenty-four hours prior to the sale of the Bonds. Upon completion of the bidding procedures described herein, the results of the sealed, non-electronic bids received shall be compared to the electronic bids received by the School Corporation.

The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

A bid may designate that a given maturity or maturities shall constitute a term bond, and the semi-annual amounts set forth in the schedule provided prior to the sale shall constitute the mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements for such term bond or bonds. For purposes of computing net interest cost, the mandatory redemption amounts shall be treated as maturing on the dates set forth in the schedule provided prior to the sale.

In the case of any redemption, 30 days' notice will be given by mail to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed, and accrued interest will be paid to the date fixed for redemption. Interest on the Bonds so called for redemption will cease on the redemption date fixed in said notice if funds are available at the date of redemption to redeem the Bonds so called on the date fixed in said notice, or thereafter when presented for payment.

The Bonds have been designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Each bid must be for all of the Bonds and must state the rate of interest which each maturity of the Bonds is to bear, stated in multiples of 1/8th, 1/20th or 1/100th of 1%. The maximum interest rate of the Bonds shall not exceed 5.00% per annum. All Bonds maturing on the same date shall bear the same rate. No bid for less than 99.00% of the face value of the Bonds will be considered. The Bonds will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who has submitted a bid in accordance herewith (the "Purchaser"). The Purchaser will be the one who offers the lowest net interest cost to the School Corporation, to be determined by computing the total interest on all of the Bonds to their maturities based upon the schedule provided by the School Corporation prior to the sale and deducting therefrom the premium bid, if any, and adding thereto the discount bid, if any. No conditional bids will be considered. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. If an acceptable bid is not received for the Bonds on the date of sale hereinbefore fixed, the sale may be continued from day to day thereafter without further advertisement, during which time no bid which provides a higher net interest cost to the Corporation than the best bid received at the time of the advertised sale will be considered.

Each bid not submitted via PARITY® must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the School Corporation and marked on the outside "Metropolitan School District of Wabash County Bid for General Obligation Bonds of 2021. A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the form of cash, wire transfer, or certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$20,000 payable to the order of the School Corporation is required to be submitted by the Purchaser not later than 3:30 p.m. (EST) on the next business day following the award. If such Deposit is not received by that time, the School Corporation may reject the bid. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the School Corporation as liquidated damages.

The Purchaser shall make payment for such Bonds and accept delivery thereof within five days after being notified that the Bonds are ready for delivery, at such place in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as the Purchaser may designate, or at such other location mutually agreed to by the School Corporation and the Purchaser. The Bonds will be ready for delivery within 45 days after the date of sale. If the School Corporation fails to have the Bonds ready for delivery prior to the close of banking hours on the forty-fifth day after the date of sale, the Purchaser may secure the release of the bid upon request in writing, filed with the School Corporation. The Purchaser is expected to apply to a securities depository registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to make such Bonds depository-eligible. If the Bonds are reoffered, at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser, the Purchaser will be required to certify to the School Corporation the initial reoffering price to the public of a substantial amount of each maturity of the Bonds.

All provisions of the bid form and Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined) are incorporated herein. As set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, the Purchaser agrees by submission of their bid to assist the School Corporation in establishing the issue price of the Bonds under the terms outlined therein and shall execute and deliver to the School Corporation at closing an "issue price" certificate, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the Purchaser, the School Corporation and Ice Miller LLP ("Bond Counsel").

Bidders must comply with the rules of PARITY® (the "Rules") in addition to requirements of this Notice. To the extent there is a conflict between the Rules and this Notice, this Notice shall control. Bidders may change and submit bids as many times as they wish during the sale, but they may not withdraw a submitted bid. The last bid submitted by a bidder prior to the deadline for the receipt of bids will be compared to all other final bids to determine the winning bid. During the sale, no bidder will see any other bidder's bid, nor will they see the status of their bid relative to other bids (e.g., whether their bid is a leading bid).

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the successful bidder therefor to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of its proposal. No CUSIP identification number shall be deemed to be a part of any Bond or a part of the contract evidenced thereby and no liability shall hereafter attach to the School Corporation or any of its officers or agents because of or on account of such numbers. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP identification numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the School Corporation; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the Purchaser. The Purchaser will also be responsible for any other fees or expenses it incurs in connection with the resale of the Bonds.

The approving opinion of Bond Counsel, together with a transcript of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds and closing papers in the usual form showing no litigation questioning the validity of the Bonds, will be furnished to the successful bidder at the expense of the School Corporation.

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of the renovation of and improvements to school facilities throughout the School Corporation, including roofing and interior improvements at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School and Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, and will be direct obligations of the School Corporation payable out of ad valorem taxes to be collected on the taxable property within the School Corporation; however, the School Corporation's collection of the levy may be limited by operation of I.C. 6-1-1-20-6, which provides taxpayers with tax credits for property taxes attributable to different classes of property in an amount that exceeds certain percentages of the gross assessed value of that property. The School Corporation is required by law to fully fund the payment of debt service on the Bonds in an amount sufficient to pay the debt service, regardless of any reduction in property tax collections due to the application of such tax credits. The School Corporation may not be able to levy or collect additional property taxes to make up this shortfall. The School Corporation is a school corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 20-23; the Bonds will not be "private activity bonds" as defined in Section 141 of the Code.

The Bonds constitute an indebtedness only of the School Corporation. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the existing federal statutes, decisions, regulations and rulings, the interest on the Bonds is exempt from all income taxation in Indiana. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the existing federal statutes, decisions, regulations and rulings, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation.

The School Corporation has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement") relating to the Bonds which it has deemed nearly final. A copy of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the School Corporation's advisor, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, 201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 350, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Within seven (7) business days of the sale, the School Corporation will provide the successful bidder with sufficient copies of the Final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement") at the School Corporation's expense in order for such bidder to comply with Section (b)(4) of the SEC Rule 15c2-12 and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Additional copies, at the Purchaser's expense, must be requested within five (5) business days of the sale. Inquiries concerning matters contained in the Preliminary Official Statement must be made and pricing and other information necessary to complete the Final Official Statement must be submitted by the Purchaser within two (2) business days following the sale to be included in the Final Official Statement.

If the Bonds are reoffered by an underwriter, the School Corporation agrees to enter into a supplement to its master continuing disclosure undertaking (the "Master Agreement") in order to permit the Purchaser to comply with the SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended to the date hereof (the "SEC Rule"). A copy of the Master Agreement is available from the School Corporation or municipal advisor at the addresses below.

The School Corporation has further agreed to comply with the Purchaser's reasonable requests to provide or disclose information and make appropriate filings which may be required in order for such purchaser to comply with the SEC Rule.

Further information relative to said issue and a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained upon application to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, 201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 350, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, advisor to the School Corporation; or Mike Keaffaber, Superintendent of the School Corporation, 204 North 300 West, Wabash, Indiana 46992. If bids are submitted by mail, they should be addressed to the School Corporation c/o Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, 201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 350, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, advisor to the School Corporation.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2021.

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/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Metropolitan School District of Wabash County

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County (the "School Corporation") that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will meet at 204 N 300 W, Wabash, Indiana, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) on May 11, 2021, to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds (the "Bonds") which the Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time: An appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the proceeds of the Bonds, and all investment earnings thereon, on account of the renovation of and improvements to school facilities throughout the School Corporation, including roofing and interior improvements at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School and Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (the "Project") in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Corporation.

The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.

Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation. In light of the changing circumstances as they relate to COVID-19 and the Indiana Governor's Executive Orders regarding social distancing, please check the School Corporation's website prior to the scheduled hearing to receive up to date information about meeting logistics. Dated this 28th day of April, 2021.

Board of School Trustees
Metropolitan School District of Wabash County
Note: The School Corporation should mail the proofs of publication of this notice to the DLGF for information only, not approval.)
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Governor sues Legislature over emergency powers

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s governor asked a court Tuesday to block a new law that legislators passed giving themselves more authority to intervene when the state’s chief executive declares an emergency.

Lawyers for Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb filed a lawsuit in Marion County court challenging the law that the Republican-dominated Legislature enacted 12 days earlier over his veto. The Republican state attorney general, however, indicated he could try to sideline the court fight in favor of the Legislature.

The measure establishes a new process under which legislative leaders can call the General Assembly into what it calls an “emergency session.” The governor’s lawsuit argues that the Legislature

is “usurping a power given exclusively to the governor” under the Indiana Constitution to call lawmakers into a special session.

“This controversy must be resolved as soon as possible or the consequences could be severe, including disruption to Indiana and the proper functioning of state government – something that concerns every Hoosier,” the lawsuit said.

Republican legislators pushed the bill after criticism from many conservatives over the mask mandate and other COVID-19 restrictions that Holcomb imposed by executive order with the General Assembly not meeting for about nine months after its 2020 session ended. Similar debates are occurring in states across the country.

Republican legislative leaders have said they expected a court challenge to the emergency session plan. They’ve

maintained that the measure wasn’t “anti-governor” and have praised Holcomb’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic, which health officials say has killed more than 13,000 people in the state.

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray and House Speaker Todd Huston, who are both named as defendants in the lawsuit, said in statements that Holcomb has been clear on his intent to challenge the new law.

“We are in consultation with the Indiana Attorney General’s Office on what the next steps will be in this matter,” Huston said.

Holcomb’s lawsuit argues that any use of the law would be disruptive and that the measure causes “uncertainty and confusion over the constitutional powers of the Executive and Legislative Branches.”

“I took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the State

of Indiana and I have an obligation to do so,” Holcomb said in a statement announcing the lawsuit. “This filing is about the future of the executive branch and all the governors who will serve long after I’m gone.”

The lawsuit could be challenged on procedural grounds as state law gives the attorney general’s office authority over lawsuits filed on behalf of state agencies.

Attorney General Todd Rokita, who was a rival to Holcomb for the 2016 Republican nomination for governor, said during last year’s election campaign that he supported curtailing the governor’s emergency powers and avoided defending Holcomb from conservative critics of his coronavirus restrictions.

Rokita said in a statement that he denied the governor’s request to hire private lawyers for the case, saying he

was fulfilling a key function of his office to set “a single, unified legal position for the State as a whole.”

Holcomb spokeswoman Rachel Hoffmeyer said the governor’s office went ahead without Rokita’s consent because “we believe under the unique circumstance of this situation, that his approval is not necessary.”

Rokita’s statement didn’t specify whether he believed the new law was constitutional. In response to that question, Rokita spokeswoman McKenzie Barbknecht said, “That will become evident in the next several days.”

Former state Supreme Court Justice Frank Sullivan, who spent 19 years on the court after being a top staffer for Democratic Gov. Evan Bayh, is among the legal experts who have questioned the Legislature’s action. Sullivan said he believed the state’s high court would like-

ly find that the Legislature’s procedure is unconstitutional.

The Legislature’s powers include authority to terminate emergency orders issued by the governor. Numerous Republican lawmakers sponsored such resolutions during this year’s session, but legislative leaders didn’t advance any of them for votes before the regular legislative session ended last week.

Republican Sen. Sue Glick of LaGrange, who sponsored the new law, said Holcomb acted without legislative input in imposing restrictions on the state’s 6.7 million residents. Glick argued during the legislative session that shouldn’t happen during such long-lasting emergencies.

“We’re not attempting to hold government hostage,” Glick said. “What we’re trying to do is get our seat at the table to be involved in the decision-making process, not be precluded from participation.”

‘Go get the shot’: Biden highlights path back to normal

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden spent his first 100 days in office encouraging Americans to mask up and stay home to slow the spread of the coronavirus. His task for the next 100 days will be to lay out the path back to normal.

When he entered office, Biden moved swiftly to overcome problems with vaccine supply and more than tripled the country’s ability to administer them. But ending the coronavirus pandemic, the central challenge of his presidency, will require not only putting shots into arms – a task now growing more difficult as demand sags – but also a robust plan to help the nation emerge from a year of isolation, disruption and confusion.

If Biden launched the nation onto a war footing against a virus that infected nearly 200,000 Americans in Janu-

ary and killed about 3,000 of them per day, the next months will be tantamount to winning the peace. Already, deaths are down to fewer than 700 per day, and average daily cases are below 60,000. U.S. officials insist there is a long way to go before the country can be fully at ease, but the progress is marked.

Going forward, success will mean finishing the nation’s herculean vaccination campaign – to date, 43 percent of Americans have received at least one shot – overcoming lagging demand and communicating in clear terms what activities can be safely resumed by those who are vaccinated. Key milestones include Biden’s July Fourth pledge that Americans can safely gather with friends and family, and the start of the new school year, when the president hopes to have all schools open safely.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on

Tuesday unveiled new guidance lessening requirements for outdoor mask-wearing, especially for vaccinated people.

“We’re excited about the progress we’ve made, and the opportunity ahead of us, and because of the vaccination program we built we’re further along than almost anyone predicted,” said White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients in a Monday interview. “It means we’re closer to returning to normal.”

Highlighting the new guidelines at the White House on Tuesday, Biden said the vaccines are increasingly helping America “get back to more normal living,” and he promised more details next week on making that possible. It’s part of what officials said will be a focus in the coming weeks on easing restrictions for vaccinated people, both in recognition of their lower risk and as an incentive to get shots.

“Getting together with

friends, going to the park for a picnic without needing to mask up, we’re back to that place now as long as you get vaccinated,” Biden said. “So go get the shot.”

In a first, Biden, who has sought to model the most cautious behavior for the public, provided an example of how the new guidance is liberating. Biden walked outside the White House alone wearing a black face mask before his remarks on the North Lawn. He removed it for his remarks and didn’t replace it after leaving the lectern, saying he wanted Americans to watch “me take it off and not put it back on until I walk back inside.”

On Inauguration Day, the notion of COVID-19 vaccine supply eclipsing demand seemed fanciful, with only priority groups eligible for shots and an underground economy emerging for “extra doses” for everyone else. Now, shots are so plentiful in

many places that the Biden administration is encouraging states and pharmacy partners to set up walk-in sites for doses without appointments.

This “new phase,” as Biden’s team calls it, has been the subject of intense preparation since even before the president’s inauguration. Wary of wasting a moment, Zients and other officials drafted a mountain of emails to launch the federal bureaucracy into action to be sent in the first minutes after their government email accounts were activated. Even as more Americans get vaccinated, Zients said, the White House wasn’t letting up its urgency just yet.

“I think this exact same approach that served us well the first 100 days will serve us well for the next 100 days,” he said.

One of Biden’s first actions in office was to increase the federal government’s orders for the vaccines to ensure supplies for all Americans by

early summer. Now the U.S. is able to turn to sharing some of the precious supply with the world, as the White House announced Monday it would do with roughly 60 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine produced in the U.S. but not yet authorized for use here. At the same time, the White House was instrumental in an agreement reached with drugmaker Sanofi on Monday to help scale up production through next year of Moderna’s two-dose shot, which makes up more than 40 percent of doses administered in the U.S.

Believing most Americans who have yet to get a shot would do so if it were easier, the White House has deployed billions of dollars toward ads encouraging shots, community programs to bring doses to the hardest to reach Americans, and tax credits to encourage employers to give their workers paid time off to get protected.



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